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VIRGINIA.

Richmond Second Church: The congregation of this church had the pleasure of having with them on last Sabbath (December 10th) Rev. Warren H. Stuart, D. D., former President of Hangchow Christian College in China, but who, on his return to China, will probably be connected with the Seminary at Nanking. He was ordained sixteen years ago to the foreign mission work in this church, and he has been supported by the ladies of this church since he first went to China, some fifteen years ago, and is regarded by them as their special property. Dr. Stuart is much beloved by the whole Church, with which he is identified, and it is always a pleasure to have him with us, and hear him tell of his work. He and his wife are at present on their furlough in this country, and are spending the winter in New York attending White's Bible School and the Columbia University. The cause of Home Missions was also presented on Sunday, November 26th, by Rev. Frank E. Clark, the President of the Grundy School in Buchanan County, Virginia. Mr. Clark gave an interesting account of the School, its opportunities and achievements, giving several instances of boys and girls taken from most unpropitious surroundings, trained in the Grundy School, and now filling positions of honor and usefulness. Mr. Clark has had charge of this work ever since he left the Seminary, and has made a remarkable success of it.

Grace Covenant Church, of which Dr. C. L. King is pastor, last Sunday received thirteen members on profession of faith, thirteen by restatement and twenty-six by letter. This was the result of active personal work done recently by the pastor and many members of the church.

Lexington Church has just installed a handsome new organ, which is being enjoyed very much by the congregation.

New Providence Church, in Rockbridge County, has decided to put up a \$30,000 Sunday-school building.

Charlottesville: Seventeen persons were received into the membership of the church December 3. Very large congregations attend this church. A noticeable feature is the great number of men, including many students of the University.

Old Concord: On the fifth Sunday of October the Rev. R. L. McNair was installed at Old Concord in the morning and at New Concord in the afternoon by a commission of Roanoke Presbytery consisting of Rev. A. Sidney Ven-

able, Rev. A. J. Ponton and Ruling Elder C. W. Woodson, of Rustburg. Mr. Venable presided in the morning and propounded the constitutional question and charged the people. Mr. Panton preached the sermon and Mr. Woodson charged the pastor. In the afternoon at New Concord there was a complete exchange of pastors.

On the first Sunday in November a like commission consisting of the Rev. C. W. Maxwell and Rev. P. J. Murdock and Ruling Elders C. D. Franklin and J. P. Scruggs, of Concord Depot, installed Mr. McNair at Diamond Hill and Rustburg. In the morning at Diamond Hill Mr. Maxwell presided, preached the sermon and propounded the constitutional question. Mr. Murdock charged the pastor and Mr. Schuggs charged the people. The parts were also exchanged in the evening by these brethren at Rustburg.

After an experience of a little more than four months their pastor has been made to feel that the lines have indeed fallen to him in pleasant places. In addition to the innumerable expressions of love and appreciation received by him and his family, the people have supplied the manse with an abundance of luscious fruits and choice vegetables and many other good things too numerous to be mentioned. Surely the Lord is good.

Warm Springs Church: Recently four additional officers were ordained and installed in this church, Mr. G. A. Vines and Mr. Charles L. Rodgers as ruling elders, and Mr. Earnest G. Miller and Mr. Wallace G. Hoover as deacons. We have recently had the pleasure of a visit by Dr. W. F. Junkin, of our China mission, as the speaker at the regular Church Day meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. The "Circle Plan" has met with great favor among the women of the congregation, who have been very active during the past summer, and have brought the whole church under special obligation to them in securing Dr. Junkin and giving the congregation an opportunity to hear him. A Christmas box has just been sent to Rev. O. V. Armstrong, our church's representative in China. No canvass of any kind was made; the pastor simply announced that the box would be sent, and invited all who cared to have a part in it to send in their gifts. Nearly fifty of the members of the church and congregation responded, thus showing their affection for our missionary and his family and helping to make the Christmas a happy one for them. At a congregational meeting held on October 8th it was decided to erect a Sunday school annex to the church building. The Sunday school has long ago outgrown the present quarters and would have had the new building sooner but for the unsettled conditions incident to the war. The architects are completing the plans for the building, and we hope to begin work on it as soon as practicable in the spring.

Danville: Rev. V. G. Smith, pastor of the Shelton Memorial Church of this city, has resigned its pastorate, which he has held for five years, in order that he may accept a call to Parkton, N. C.

ALABAMA.

Mobile: The Central Church of this city has called to its pastorate Rev. W. H. Boggs, now pastor of the Arsenal Hill Church, Columbia, S. C. He expects to visit the Central Church soon, and will then make his decision as to accepting the call.

Anniston: Second Church. From the arrival of the pastor, Rev. J. E. Coker, and his family in October until this day the members have not ceased to be mindful of their pastor and his family's temporal needs. The furniture was unloaded and installed

in the manse, pantry filled with groceries and supper on the table at their own home for them on arriving. Mr. Coker was installed by a commission of North Alabama Presbytery on November 5. The congregations have been steadily growing in numbers and interest. On December 3 three additional deacons were ordained and installed—S. F. Seale, C. H. Kimball and T. J. Nelson. We believe that we shall have a happy pastorate and the Lord will bless our labors.

J. E. Coker.

APPALACHIA.

La Follette, Tenn.: A commission of Knoxville Presbytery met at this point on November 26, to organize a church. Superintendent of Home Missions, Rev. B. M. Larson, presided. Rev. J. A. Gray, D. D., preached in the afternoon; Rev. Willis Thompson in the evening. These ministers, with Elder A. P. White, of Knoxville, constituted the commission. The church starts with about thirty members. Services are held in the building owned by the Congregational Church, but now turned over to us for a while. The Congregational Church, which has long had work at this point, has seen fit to recommend to its membership that they come with us, in view of the fact that the Home Mission agencies of that church will no longer maintain work at LaFollette. The town is one of about two thousand population, lying in an excellent agricultural region. It is lodged about a large iron smeltery and coal mine.

The officers of the new church are: Elders, J. A. Summers, Clerk of Session; G. B. Gallahar, E. O. Blackburn; deacons, A. H. Aeler, Rothe Weigel.

ARKANSAS.

Synod of Arkansas convened in the First Presbyterian Church of Little Rock. Rev. W. H. Irvine was elected moderator. Unusually rich was the session of Synod in inspirational and devotional features. The opening sermon, preached by Rev. G. C. Currie, at the request of the retiring moderator, Hon. Harry L. Ponder, was a ringing call for the old faith in the old Gospel. On the communion occasion another powerful message along the same line was delivered by Dr. R. Excell Fry. Memorial services, which were deeply spiritual, were held for Dr. J. I. Norris, Rev. J. G. Lane and Mr. Henry Moore, the last named being an elder in the Texarkana First Church, whose devotion to his church and generous support of her work endeared him to all Presbyterians in the State. Fred C. McMillan, of Des Moines, thrilled the Synod with a vital message on Personal Evangelism, delivered during the presentation of the Stewardship Committee report.

Dr. R. E. Melvin represented the Assembly's Committee on Stewardship and outlined plans made for the Equipment drive. Dr. J. O. Reavis, in two strong addresses, presented the Presbyterian Progressive Program, and the Foreign Mission work. The educational institutions for which the Synod is responsible, were discussed before the court by the following men: Austin Theological Seminary, by Dr. T. W. Currie; Southwestern Presbyterian School and Home for Orphans, by Mr. J. E. Watts, of Itasca, Texas; Arkansas College, by Dr. W. S. Lacy; Caddo Valley Academy, by Rev. John T. Barr and Mountain Crest School, by Rev. J. E. Jeter.

Synod again went on record asking that Dr. Henry Sweets at the earliest possible moment begin a drive for the permanent equipment of the educational institutions in the jurisdiction of the body. Arrangements have been completed for the inauguration of this

drive in the State on February 1 or earlier. Until this has been completed, the Synod asked that the Stewardship Committee make no personal canvass in Arkansas for the Equipment Fund. The fund to be raised for educational institutions will be for Arkansas College, Austin Theological Seminary, Caddo Valley Academy, Mountain Crest School, and the First Presbyterian Church at Fayetteville, the seat of the University of Arkansas.

Under the leadership of Dr. W. Moore Scott and a corps of capable evangelists, notable work has been done this year in the home mission churches of the Synod.

Synod again placed its summer conference work in its benevolent budget for one per cent of the undesignated gifts, and a committee was appointed with Dr. John Van Lear as chairman to secure a permanent site for this conference.

Synod acceded to the request of the Assembly that the meetings of Synod be held in advance of the fall meetings of the Presbyteries, and the next stated meeting will be held on Tuesday night after the first Sunday in October, in the First Church, El Dorado.

Rev. Charles Haddon Nabers, pastor of Camden First Church, was elected publicity man for the Synod.

The members of the Synod were royally entertained in the homes of the First Congregation, and luncheon was served each day in the basement of the church to all delegates and visitors by the Woman's Auxiliary. On Wednesday evening the Synod was entertained at a dinner given by the Little Rock Alumni, of Arkansas College. Among the speakers on this occasion was Sam Knox, of Pine Bluff, whose interest in Arkansas College has led to her wonderful showing in athletics this fall; Hon. Harry L. Ponder, of Walnut Ridge, and Hon. T. C. McRae, governor of Arkansas. The members of Synod were given an automobile ride over the city on Wednesday afternoon. Of especial interest to each pastor and elder was the grand gothic church in which the sessions were held. Dr. John Van Lear, the genial and capable host of the Synod, is to be congratulated upon the wonderful building which his congregation has recently completed.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington Central Church: At the communion service Sunday morning, December 3, three persons were received on profession and five by letter. At night Rev. Dr. S. H. Chester preached for us, telling of our work in Mexico, and of the desperate need for more workers there, and of equipment for the workers already there. For the past two years the Men's Bible class has paid \$125 annually towards the tuition and board of a boy in Rev. F. E. Clark's School at Grundy, Buchanan County, Va. It has now increased this fund to \$150, and has also assumed one-half (\$75) towards the expenses of another boy in that school, and half (\$75) for a student at Davidson. The other half for each of these last two has been taken by the A. W. Pitzer Class of young men, totaling \$450 from the two classes as an investment in these three lives—an investment from which we look for large dividends in the shape of three useful and consecrated lives, as well as in the quickened interest in the hearts of the donors.

A. H.

FLORIDA.

Lakeland: After spending most of the time for the past four months in a Sanitarium at DeLand, the pastor, Dr. C. I. Stacy, has returned to the